

2006
ANNUAL RURAL POLICY
CONFERENCE
*RURAL COLLABORATION
IN PROGRAM AND
POLICY DEVELOPMENT*

Hosted by:



National Rural Development
Partnership



*March 26 - 28, 2006
Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, Virginia*

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2006 Annual Rural Policy Conference will provide participants with the following opportunities:

- Discussions on the Changing Attitudes toward Rural Development and Agriculture
- Networking with non-profit sector & discussion on this sector's views on rural policy and the importance of collaboration
 - Training on the PRA National Program for Community Assessments
- Models in State and Federal Collaborations
 - Rural Policy Focus Workshops
 - Nationally recognized speakers
- Networking with other SRDC Leaders and Council Directors
- Successful Rural Policy Advocacy Training
 - Interaction with NRDP members
- Partners for Rural America Annual Business Meeting and much more...

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Federal Representatives, Non-Profit Representatives, and anyone with an interest in rural policy & rural development
 - National Rural Network members
- State Rural Development Council Executive Directors and Council members
- National Rural Development Council members
 - Rural Development State Directors
 - Any NRDP Partner

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. **YOU** must call the Marriott at 1-800-228-9290 or 1-703-920-3230 by **3/3/06** to receive the current government rate of \$180 (government rate subject to change & you will be charged the prevailing rate at time of check-in) Be sure to mention you are with NRDP - Rural Policy Conference to receive the special rate. Additional info about the Crystal Gateway Marriott can be found at <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/WASGW> The hotel is accessible via Washington's Metrorail system.

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2006 ANNUAL RURAL POLICY CONFERENCE TENTATIVE AGENDA

<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 26</u>	1:30 - 9:00 pm	PRA and SRDC Meetings
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 27</u>	7:00 am - 1:30 pm	NRDP/SRDC Related Meetings/Successful Rural Policy Advocacy/State Delegation Meetings

<u>MONDAY, MARCH 27</u>	
1:30 - 1:45 PM	CONFERENCE OPENING ~ Mary Randolph, Chair NRDP
1:45 - 3:15 pm	Agriculture in Rural Communities: Changing Attitudes Toward Rural Development & Its Implications for the 2007 Farm Bill ~ USDA Representatives; Farm & Agricultural Business Representatives; and Ag Congressional Staff
3:30 - 5:00 pm	The Non-Profit Sector’s Perspectives on Rural Policy and Collaboration ~ National Rural Network Members
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Reception in honor of the National Rural Network
7:00 - 9:00 pm	PRA National Program for Community Assessments

<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 28</u>	
7:30 - 9:30 am	Congressional Awards Breakfast/ Plenary Session Speakers: Senator Craig Thomas, Wyoming Secretary Michael O. Leavitt, Health and Human Services, (invited)
9:45 - 11:30 am	Rural Policy Focus Workshops: Models in State & Federal Collaboration • RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP Small business, Agriculture, & Forestry Industry Development ~ Speakers – TBA • RURAL HEALTH Health Care Access, Quality & Affordability and Update on Medicare Part D - Prescription Drug Plan ~ Alan Morgan CEO, National Rural Health Assoc. ~ SRDC Speakers - TBA • RURAL COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING Main Street Program, Re-development, Housing Development, Community Assessment Programs and more.... ~ Stephanie Redman, National Main Street Center
12:00 - 1:15 pm	Luncheon ~ Jack Schultz, Author - “Boomtown USA – The 7 1/2 Keys to Big Success in Small Towns”
1:30 - 3:30 pm	Setting an Agenda for Inter-Agency Federal Collaboration on Rural Issues Speakers - TBA
3:30 pm	Conference Closing ~ Mary Randolph, NRDP

◆ **For conference information please call**
Mary Randolph at 307-777-6430

◆ **To Register Online visit:**
<http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/calendar>
Scroll down to National Rural Development Partnership
and click on “Register Here”

◆ **To register by phone:**
Call Adrienne at 1-877-733-3618, ext. 1; or 307-766-2124

◆ **Cancellations:**
All cancellations must be received in writing.
Cancellations received by 3/10/06 will receive a full refund.
After 3/10/06 a \$50 processing charge will be assessed.

◆ **No refunds for no shows**

Registration Form
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Please Note: *Full payment must accompany registration.*
One person per form. Form may be duplicated.
Print name as you would like it on your name tag.

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If you are a UW employee, please list your department.

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Registration Fees: (all sessions, breakfasts, lunch, breaks, & reception)

State Rural Development Council Members
on or before 3/10/06\$ 225 \$ _____

State Rural Development Council Members
after 3/10/06.....\$ 275 \$ _____

Washington-Based Organizations\$ 150 \$ _____

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED\$ _____

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